## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A pattern formation method comprising the steps of:

forming a resist film of a chemically amplified resist material including a base polymer, an acid generator for generating an acid through irradiation with light and lactone:

performing pattern exposure by selectively irradiating said resist film with exposing light while supplying a solution onto said resist film; and

forming a resist pattern by developing said resist film after the pattern exposure.

- 2. The pattern formation method of Claim 1,
- wherein said lactone is mevalonic lactone,  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  $\gamma$ -valerolactone or  $\delta$ valerolactone.
  - The pattern formation method of Claim 1, wherein said solution is water.
  - 4. The pattern formation method of Claim 1,
- 15 wherein said solution is perfluoropolyether.
  - 5. A pattern formation method comprising the steps of:

forming a resist film of a chemically amplified resist material including a base polymer, an acid generator for generating an acid through irradiation with light and a polymer containing lactone;

20 performing pattern exposure by selectively irradiating said resist film with exposing light while supplying a solution onto said resist film; and

forming a resist pattern by developing said resist film after the pattern exposure.

6. The pattern formation method of Claim 5,

wherein said lactone is mevalonic lactone,  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone,  $\gamma$ -valerolactone or  $\delta$ -

25 valerolactone.

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7. The pattern formation method of Claim 5,

wherein said polymer for containing said lactone is poly(acrylic ester) or poly(methacrylic ester).

- 8. The pattern formation method of Claim 5,
- 5 wherein said solution is water.

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- The pattern formation method of Claim 5,
   wherein said solution is perfluoropolyether.
- 10. A pattern formation method comprising the steps of:

forming a resist film of a chemically amplified resist material including a base

10 polymer, an acid generator for generating an acid through irradiation with light and
carbohydrate lactone;

performing pattern exposure by selectively irradiating said resist film with exposing light while supplying a solution onto said resist film; and

forming a resist pattern by developing said resist film after the pattern exposure.

The pattern formation method of Claim 10.

wherein said carbohydrate lactone is D-gluconic acid  $\delta$ -lactone,  $\beta$ -D-glucofurannurone acid  $\gamma$ -lactone or L-mannal acid di- $\gamma$ -lactone.

- 12. The pattern formation method of Claim 10, wherein said solution is water.
- The pattern formation method of Claim 10,
   wherein said solution is perfluoropolyether.
- 14. A pattern formation method comprising the steps of:

forming a resist film of a chemically amplified resist material including a base polymer, an acid generator for generating an acid through irradiation with light and sultone;

performing pattern exposure by selectively irradiating said resist film with exposing light while supplying a solution onto said resist film; and

forming a resist pattern by developing said resist film after the pattern exposure.

- 15. The pattern formation method of Claim 14,
- 5 wherein said sultone is pentane-2,5-sultone or naphthalene-1,8-sultone.
  - The pattern formation method of Claim 14,
     wherein said solution is water.
  - 17. The pattern formation method of Claim 14, wherein said solution is perfluoropolyether.
- 10 18. A pattern formation method comprising the steps of:

forming a resist film of a chemically amplified resist material including a base polymer, an acid generator for generating an acid through irradiation with light and sultine;

performing pattern exposure by selectively irradiating said resist film with exposing light while supplying a solution onto said resist film; and

- forming a resist pattern by developing said resist film after the pattern exposure.
  - 19. The pattern formation method of Claim 18,

wherein said sultine is 3H-2,1-benzoxathiol=1-oxide.

- 20. The pattern formation method of Claim 18, wherein said solution is water.
- The pattern formation method of Claim 18, wherein said solution is perfluoropolyether.